

To: Honorable members of the Planning and Development Committee

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Support for Substitute SB422 (An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water)

Our residents needs for water usage should always take precedence over water bottlers including and especially during times of reduced water availability . In the case of a drought advisory, the production of bottled water for export out of state must cease.

Please rescind water rate discounts for water bottlers. They extract municipal and spring water, create excessive amounts of plastic bottles and profit from the conservation efforts of consumers.

Please rescind any special sewer charge discounts for water bottlers which is now called the clean water project charge. CT ratepayers have paid for years to create the infrastructure for clean water and outside corporations should not profit from this.

Please re-establish a citizen MDC watch dog committee.

Please impose a moratorium on any new large capacity water agreements until the State Water Plan is completed and addresses the issue of water bottling companies extracting water from our watersheds.